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SUBJECT:ILO: CANDIDACY OF CANADIAN DELEGATE MORRIS FOR  
CHAIRMAN OF GOVERNING BOARD

REF: TOKYO 5399

1. DEPT SOMEWHAT PUZZLED BY IWATA'S REACTION TO CANADIAN  
GOVT NOTE (PARA 2, REFTEL). JAPANESE DELEGATION TO  
MARCH GOVERNING BODY WAS PRESENT AT MEETING OF IMEC  
GROUP FEB 28 WHICH DISCUSSED THIS MATTER AT CONSIDERABLE  
LENGTH, STARTING WITH STATEMENT BY CANADIAN GOVT REPRESENTA-  
TIVE (MAINWARING) THAT MORRIS CANDIDACY WAS INITIATIVE  
TAKEN BY WORKERS GROUP AND THAT IF MORRIS WAS ELECTED "HE  
WOULD NOT RPT NOT REPRESENT EITHER CANADA OR NORTH AMERICA  
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AND HIS ELECTION WOULD NOT RPT NOT BE PART OF THE REGIONAL  
ROTATION OF THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE GOVERNING BODY."  
AUSTRALIAN GOVT REP SPEAKING FOR ASIAN GROUP THEN RAISED  
SOME OBJECTIONS AND SAID ASIANS WOULD SUPPORT MORRIS ELEC-  
TION IF IT WAS UNDERSTOOD HE WAS THE CHOICE OF THE AMERICAN  
STATES AND THAT THE REGIONAL ROTATION PRINCIPLE WOULD  
CONTINUE TO BE OBSERVED.

2. JAPANESE REPRESENTATIVE SUGGESTED THAT PERHAPS THE GOVT REPS OF NORTH AMERICA COULD AGREE TO WAIVE THEIR "TURN" WHEN IT IS REACHED IN JUNE 1978.

3. US REPRESENTATIVE HOROWITZ, UK, FRENCH AND ITALIAN REPS THEN SPOKE VERY STRONGLY IN OPPOSITION TO CONNECTING MORRIS IN ANY WAY WITH REGIONAL ROTATION TRADITION SINCE THIS WOULD REGIONALIZE WORKER AND EMPLOYER GROUPS, UNDERMINE THEIR AUTONOMY, AND ERODE TRIPARTISM.

4. COMMENT: SINCE IMEC DISCUSSIONS TAKE PLACE IN ENGLISH AND SOME JAPANESE REPS DO NOT HAVE ADEQUATE ENGLISH FLUENCY IT IS POSSIBLE THAT SOME MISUNDERSTANDING OCCURRED. IN ANY CASE, US POSITION IS THAT MORRIS IS NOT REPRESENTING ANY GEOGRAPHIC OR REGIONAL AREA AND HIS ELECTION IS SUI GENERIS, WITHOUT REGARD TO THE PRINCIPLE OF ROTATION WHICH APPLIED TO GOVERNMENT RPT GOVERNMENT REPS ONLY. VANCE

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